(4) programmes for promotion of national integration among the youth by organising camps of students and non-student rural youth to afford opportunities to them to learn about inter-regional traditions, customs and cultural heritage.

(5) programmes under the Scheme of Zonal Cultural Centres and National Cultural Festival aimed at providing exposure to youth and the public of the wide canvas of India's cultural heritage.

Appointment of GSA in London

945. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a new General Sales Agency (GSA) in London within six months of terminating the previous one and that the main Directors of the newly appointed GSA do not have previous experience in travel trade;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for terminating the earlier GSA and then appointing a new one within six months with persons without any previous experience; and

(c) what procedure is adopted by Government in appointing the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The working Directors and other staff of the newly appointed G.S.A. have past experience in the travel trade ranging from 3 to 20 years.

(b) The agreement with the earlier G.S.A. was terminated because there were a number of complaints against him pertaining to the standard of service rendered to passengers, etc. A decision to revert to the system of appointing a G.S.A. has now been taken by Air India conciously to augment its declining revenues.

(c) The Government is not involved in the appointment of a G.S.A.

Lok Utsav Festivals

946. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Utsav festivals have been organised in various cultural centres in October, 1986;

(b) whether any guidelines have been given regarding participation in the festivals;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the festival held at Nagpur, the Andhra Pradesh Government instead of sending folk artists from tribal areas sent students to participate in tribal dance items;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether tribal organisations in Andhra Pradesh have protested against this; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) On the occasion of the inauguration of the South Central Zone Cultural Centre at Nagpur on 2nd October, 1986 a cultural function was organised in which all the participating States including Andhra Pradesh sent their cultural troupes. The Andhra Pradesh Government has intimated that the following folk troupes were sponsored by it:—

1. Veeranatyam
2. Tappetagullu
3. Kolatam